



Postdoctoral Researcher in Space Policy

The International Space University (ISU) is seeking a highly motivated and skilled Postdoctoral Researcher in Space Policy to join our academic and interdisciplinary team to support research projects and our academic activities in the field. The successful candidate will have to provide inputs on the following research question:

As humanity ventures into the Solar System, how can we create the best environment for responsible human cultural expansion and reap the benefits of scientific and technology development for sustainable development on Earth?

This is a full-time position of two-years based at ISU. It is part of a John Templeton Foundation grant in close cooperation with the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University in Washington DC, (USA). Joint activities with GWU are part of this project. The successful candidate will have opportunities for professional development and networking within the field of space policy or a related field of interest.

ISU is the sole university worldwide devoted entirely to space education since 1987. It is made up of a unique network around the world with a Central Campus in Strasbourg (France), with hubs in the USA and the Asia-Pacific region, and partnerships with leading space organizations worldwide. ISU has since 2021 also launched a Space Policy and Entrepreneurship Laboratory (SPEL) that has done studies on space policy and the space economy on its own or in partnerships.

Responsibilities:

- Facilitate, prepare and organised a virtual Working Group on the advancement of humanity's presence in space;
- Coordinate activities with the outputs of the other researchers working on this Grant
- Monitor and analyze policy developments with colleagues and external partners to design and conduct surveys, interviews, and workshops aimed at understanding the multi-stakeholder deep space exploration sector;
- Author and contribute to the development of reports, policy briefs, and academic publications to disseminate research findings and present research findings at conferences, workshops, and seminars;
- Create outreach materials to promote awareness of space among the general public;
- Academic duties as needed in the fields of the applicant's competence to support ISU curriculum of the Master programs and other ISU educational activities;
- Performs other related duties as assigned. The omission of specific duties does not preclude the supervisor from assigning duties that are logically related to the position.

Your profile:

- Qualified candidates will hold a Ph.D or comparable doctoral degree in a related discipline. Degree must be conferred by the start date of the position.
- A Ph.D. or equivalent in a relevant field such as e.g. political science, public policy, international relations, economy, management, law, or security shall have a focus on space;
- Demonstrated record of peer-reviewed, journal articles, books, or policy papers related to space;
- Demonstrated knowledge of research methodologies, including the ability to identify, acquire, and analyze primary and secondary sources of information pertaining to space;
- Experience presenting research findings at workshops and conferences, and publications in peer-reviewed journals is desirable;
- Experience in academic duties and in teaching graduate-level courses in relevant areas to space policy, space economy, space management or space law would be an asset;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills in English, including the ability to write for both academic and policy-oriented audiences;
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team, collaborating with researchers from diverse backgrounds;
- Experience in conference organization and grant writing would be an asset.

This is a full-time position for 24 months based at the International Space University (ISU) Central Campus in Strasbourg, France. The successful candidate will have opportunities for professional development and networking within the space sector. Flexible working arrangements are standard. Salary is commensurate with experience.

To apply, please submit a cover letter describing your skills and why you are interested in this position, as well as your curriculum vitae (CV).

The International Space University is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applicants from diverse backgrounds to apply. The application **deadline is 30 April 2024**, and we anticipate the appointment to begin before the Summer break.